


REMARKS

The undersigned attorney would like to thank the examiner charged with the responsibility of this application for the many courtesies extended during a recent telephone interview. As was agreed to during this interview, claims 1 and 10-17 have been cancelled and claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 1. This amendment to claim 2 does not change the scope thereof, but merely makes claim 2 independent, rather than dependent. It was agreed that claim 2, as amended, together with claims 3-9 which are dependent, either directly or indirectly thereon, would be allowable.

In view of the above, it is believed that each of the claims now in the application is distinguishable, one from the other, and over the prior art. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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